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In re Application of

Hirotaka FUKUSHIMA

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For: FLYWHEEL ASSEMBLY HAVING

A DETACHABLE SUPPORT MEMBER

FOR A DAMPER MECHANISM

THEREOF

Patent Art Unit: 3681

Examiner: Saul Rodriguez

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German Patent Publication DE19919621 appears to disclose an automotive drive train vibration damper. As seen in the Figures, a positioner stage 40 and counterpart toothing assembly 44 lie in the same radial area, and one planet wheel at least 48 on the respective second sides 12 of the primary and secondary sides can rotate. The other side 12 has first and second cover disks 18 and 26 that are axially spaced to allow for axial movement of the central element 30 arranged between the cover disks 18 and 26. An English language copy of the Abstract is provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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